

As a flight attendant, I find it harder and harder to enforce the current regulations on cell phone usage. Whether it interferes with aircraft equipment or not is not my issue. I think that we should not allow passengers to use cell phones on board. If we do, we should allow fax machines, too. Then they have a full office with thier phones, faxes and their computers. Geeze. What's next? In some cases, I submit that it helps productivity. But over all, my experience is that it's just a self-important, self-centered distraction. Then, what about emergencies? How will people hear important information on the adress systems? They will be so wrapped up in their conversations that they will ineitbly NOT hear an evacuation command. It's rude to surrounding passengers. I know that I don't want to hear someone else's argument with a spouse when I am sitting next to them. It's bad enough with all this Push To Talk nonsense. It's also an economical issue. Service carriers will have to offer or give the sky service to every cutomer and we will have to pay for it. All of us. We are all taxpayers.